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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraphs [0091] and [0098] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0091] Still other operating environments include desktop computers and rack systems. In desktop computers, disk drives are placed in 13.34 cm (5.25 inch) slots that are generally available for their installation. Many mounting systems are known, including rails and screw-in mountings. Mirroring boxes typically have two such spaces and rack-mounted or tower RAID boxes have a plurality of such spaces. A docking device 44 may occupy such a 13.34 cm (5.25 inch) slot. In Fig. 8, the screw holes 45 provide a means of mounting a docking device 44 in a standard slot. The shock-resistant case 26, which slides into the docking device 44 as shown in Figs. 7 and 8, has the advantage of making the module 20 portable. It makes use of a Centronics or an equivalent male connector 35 located on the board 34 inside the module 20 and a corresponding mating female connector 47 on the board of docking device 44. Generally, hot swap can be achieved with such a module 20 in the docking device 44.

[0098] A comparison of Figs. 10 and 11 provides a conceptual illustration of a MEDE in compressed and uncompressed configurations. In the compressed configuration of Fig. 11, the viscous fluid has been displaced either into cell areas that previously contained gas or into void areas 66. Fig. 10 shows the MEDE 24 before the shock loading. Fig. 11 shows the same MEDE under dynamic shock loading, i.e. when disk drive velocity is near zero at the end of a shock event. Both Figs. 10 and 11 show a single sealed end 50 of the envelope, although a similar sealed end may be used at both ends of a MEDE. When the envelope is produced from a length of tube, both ends are sealed. The length and cross-section of an MEDE may be different along different sides of a hosted device or hard disk drive. In order to produce different sizes, different lengths and diameters of latex tubing may be employed.